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Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation
and Republic Creosoting Company
1615 Merchants Bank Building
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

HOME OFFICE: WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

Employers Insurance of Wausau
SAFETY AND HEALTH SERVICE REPORT

FOR

Mr. Herb Finch, Manager
Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation
7200 Walker Street
St. Louis Park, Minnesota 55426

November 7, 1969

CONCERNING

7200 Walker Street
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

SERVICE BY

V. L. Rushfeldt, safety consultant,
on October 27, 1969

PERSONS CONTACTED

Herb Finch, manager
Ward Barton, superintendent
Bill Justin, superintendent

REPORT SUMMARY

"Mr. Finch, Mr. Barton, Mr. Justin, and I reviewed the unfavorable safety record for the past year. These gentlemen have expressed deep concern about the accidents which have occurred, and have expressed a desire to establish measures which will prevent accidents. Mr. Finch agreed to initiate and promote the following accident prevention measures.

1. Establish a written policy on safety, together with safety rules and standards.
2. Delegate safety responsibility to supervisory people. Make them realize that safety is a part of their job, and they must do things, like enforce the use of hard hats, and so forth.
3. Conduct monthly plant safety inspections and keep records of same. Follow-up by appropriate corrective action as necessary. Our form, 'Safety Inspector's Report,' has been provided.
4. When an accident does occur, request the immediate foreman to make an accident investigation for cause and further require him to indicate what corrective action he has taken. In many cases, corrective action will take form of instruction to the man in question and others doing the same type of work.

This confirmation of service concerns only such conditions and practices as were observed and considered at the time of this call. It is not intended to indicate that all other hazards are adequately controlled.

*If you have any comments or questions concerning this report, write to G. B. Lemke,
Vice-President, Safety & Health Services.*

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5. In the absence of a pre-employment physical examination, ask the applicant about past accidents and illnesses. Add questions to the application which will reveal this information. This will assist in selection and placement of employees. Information may be secured which may indicate registration under the Minnesota Second Injury Law.

6. Require the use of hard hats. Mr. Finch said this would be mandatory after January 15, 1970.

"Concrete spalls occasionally fall from the ceiling in the refinery building. Mr. Justin said he cannot get a contractor to make the necessary repairs.

"We noted that the large tar cistern is largely opened, the old roof structure over it having deteriorated with age. This large, open cistern presents a hazard to workmen, and especially to children who might play in the yard. This cistern should be covered or possibly enclosed with a cyclone fence.

"Despite efforts to keep them out, children do play in the yard. Mr. Barton indicated they climb on the piles of railroad ties stacked in the yard. It would be advisable to enclose the yard with a cyclone fence.

"The catwalks on storage tanks 11 to 16 have not been changed. Mr. Justin indicated he is planning a change in the tank arrangement.

"First-aid supplies are on hand."

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cc: Mr. R. J. Boyle
Mr. Richard Snodgrass

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